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Attorney Docket No. 4015-1812

First Inventor or Application Identifier

John S. Petty

Title

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRICALLY  
COUPLING DIGITAL DEVICES

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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ \*Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 18]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title to the invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 3]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)  
[Note Box 5 below]
    - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b,  
is considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
  - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
  - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS  
Citations
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ \*Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior application,  
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Other: Express Mail Certification  
Copy of Form PTO-892

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APPLICATION IS RELIED UPON (37 C.F.R. § 1.28).

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary statement:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: 09 / 252,008  
Prior application information: Examiner: Cho, J. Group/Art Unit: 2819

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Application Number	TBA
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First Named Inventor	John S. Petty
Examiner Name	TBA
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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	740.00
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	
108	760	208	380	Reissue filing fee	
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$740.00)</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 8	-20** = 0 X 18.00 = 0	
Independent Claims 2	-3** = 0 X 80.00 = 0	
Multiple Dependent Claims	X =	

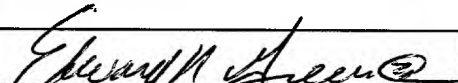
\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
109	78	209	39	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)				(\$0)

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Paid
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examination action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt.	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
Other fee (specify)					
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<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b>					<b>(\$0)</b>

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